

Afterwards he joined the Department of Public Safety where he served as a Highway Patrolman in Pecos, Denton, and Fort Davis. He was later promoted to the Texas Rangers and served in Midland, Snyder, and Garland. He retired from the Rangers as the Captain of Company B in 1996. David has now spent the last 16 years as the Kaufman County Sheriff.

On behalf of all the people touched by the work of Sheriff Byrnes, I want to thank him for all of his work. We have been blessed to have you protecting us and I wish you a happy retirement.

BOOKSHOP SANTA CRUZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 50th anniversary of Bookshop Santa Cruz, a family-owned, independent bookstore based in Santa Cruz, California. Bookshop Santa Cruz started in 1966 and quickly became the heart of Downtown Santa Cruz, providing the community with access to books, magazines, newspapers and gifts while also creating a community meeting ground for friends and visitors alike. Over the last 50 years, Bookshop Santa Cruz established itself as a nationally-renowned bookstore dedicated to the written word, the discussion of ideas and the creation of community.

In 1973, Neal and Candy Coonerty bought Bookshop Santa Cruz and raised their two children, Ryan and Casey, in the store. Together they helped the store survive many challenges including the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, competition from nearby chain bookstores and the rise of the internet retailer. Bookshop Santa Cruz held thousands of author events over the years allowing numerous opportunities for authors to engage with their fans about their work. The store was instrumental in starting the shop local movement in Santa Cruz and lead community-wide conversations about the role of local business in our economy, the value of maintaining vital downtown corridors and the importance of freedom of speech and reader privacy.

In 1989, Bookshop Santa Cruz survived the terrible Loma Prieta earthquake, which destroyed over 75 percent of Downtown Santa Cruz, with the help of their staff and community. Hundreds of volunteers signed liability waivers to enter the red-tagged Bookshop building to rescue all of the books and fixtures, thereby allowing Bookshop Santa Cruz to continue to operate for three years in a large pavilion tent as Downtown Santa Cruz was rebuilt. In the meantime, Neal Coonerty successfully ran for City Council and became Mayor of Santa Cruz to help with the downtown rebuilding process.

Ten years ago, Casey Coonerty Protti, took over management of the store as a second-generation owner. During this time, she successfully launched vital children's programs such as Young Writers Contest, Summer Reading Program where each year over 600 kids earn rewards for reading during the summer months as well as bringing authors into local schools. These efforts are central in helping create the next generation of readers.

In addition, the owners of Bookshop continue to give back to the community that sup-

ported them throughout the years with Neal Coonerty and Ryan Coonerty both serving as Mayor of Santa Cruz as well as on the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors and Casey Coonerty Protti serving on the Board of the Downtown Association, the Santa Cruz Education Foundation and an appointee on the Santa Cruz Downtown Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I join the entire House in congratulating Bookshop Santa Cruz on 50 years and thanking their owners and bookselling staff for all that they contribute to the Santa Cruz community. We hope they continue to breathe life into the cultural fabric of the Santa Cruz community for another 50 years.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP ROGERS FOR HIS 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Phil Rogers of the Anderson Fire Department. For over three decades Phil has served the City and residents of Anderson, Indiana through his work as a paramedic, firefighter, and two terms as the Anderson Fire Department Chief. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Phil Rogers' commitment to making the City of Anderson a safer, better place to live.

Phil is a lifelong Hoosier. He was born and raised in Anderson and he graduated from Madison Heights High School in 1978. After high school, Phil attended Indiana State University where he studied industrial engineering. He decided that industrial engineering was not his passion and, fortunately there was an opening with the Anderson Fire Department which allowed Phil to begin his path toward his true calling as an emergency responder. He applied to the cadet program and, in October 1981, he became a sworn firefighter. Through the addition of paramedic services to the Anderson Fire Department in the late 1980s, Phil found his passion for patient care through paramedic service.

Phil is a public safety veteran, his years of distinguished service proved invaluable and in January 2006 Mayor Kevin Smith appointed Phil to be the City of Anderson's 21st Fire Chief. Phil became the first African-American to serve as Fire Chief for the City of Anderson and Madison County. He is also the first African-American paramedic in Madison County as well as the first Paramedic to be appointed Chief of the Anderson Fire Department. His leadership emphasized professionalism and increased training. He ensured that all department firefighters were certified. Recognizing the need for a new training facility, Phil championed the development of the regional Fire Training Center on Martin Luther King Boulevard, which services the 13 surrounding counties. He worked tirelessly to lower Anderson's fire rating, reducing insurance costs for businesses. And he was instrumental to the successful application for The Department of Homeland Security's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program (SAFER) which awarded the Anderson Fire Department a 1.25 million dollar grant to assist

with emergency preparation and response efforts. After his time as chief, Phil returned to Station 2 and resumed his duties as a paramedic.

Phil devoted himself to a life of service to his community. Through his dedication to patient care, to capable local government, and above all his Hoosier home, he has made the City of Anderson and the wider community of Madison County a safer and better place to live. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Phil for his 35 years of service. I wish the very best to Phil in his well-deserved retirement as well as in the next exciting chapter of his life.

HONORING LT COL IRA STEPHEN "SHOOTER" EADIE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Ira Stephen "Shooter" Eadie, who died on September 20, 2016 while flying a routine training mission.

At 9:05am, the TU-25 piloted by Lt Col Eadie and his trainee crashed near the Sutter Buttes in California. They were assigned to the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron at Beale Air Force Base. Although both pilots ejected from the aircraft, Lt Col Eadie did not survive.

Lt Col Eadie was a respected pilot who began his military career in the Navy, flying P-3 patrol aircraft. He eventually joined the Air Force and became a U-2 pilot. The U-2 is a notoriously difficult aircraft to fly—becoming a U-2 pilot means you are among the very best. He was part of an elite, tight-knit group of pilots, whose flights more closely mirror those of astronauts—the U-2 flies at altitudes over 70,000 feet, at the very edge of the atmosphere, affording the pilot breathtaking views of the horizon, watching nighttime creep across the Earth.

Steve was a loving and devoted family man. He met his wife Ashley in Lake City, FL, and together they raised six children, and recently welcomed a granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, pilots fondly quote, "Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth, and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings". Today, it is my heartfelt honor to remember a cherished member of the flying community, Lt Col "Shooter" Eadie, who has put out his hand, and touched the face of God. In the days to come, may strength and comfort be granted to his family and friends, the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron and Beale Air Force Base, and the entire Dragon Lady community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROBERTS FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Roberts Family Development Center's 15th Anniversary. As founders Derrell and Tina Roberts, along with the Center's staff, join their friends and supporters to